

Winter Challenge Part 7 by Ps Larry Elliott Then God Said Part 2

We are studying and reminding ourselves how powerful our WORDS are

James 3:2-5 NKJV "For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

Brief recap:

God said

God saw

We are created in His Image therefore:

We say

We see

Jesus is the Living Word

The Bible is the Written Word

The Holy Spirit REVEALS the Word TO US.

James 3:6-12 NKJV And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh."

How complaining / speaking negative things nullifies the words we speak and limits or hinders our progress and even our well being.

Confessing?

Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience." "For the word of God is living and **powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." "And there is **no creature hidden from His sight**, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." **(This Verse an encouragement for someone today)**

Powerful: energizes (en-er-gace)

English word energy, something at work, active and effective (idle or unproductive)



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1. Learn to Speak Life

🎤 Let's be deliberate, faithful and intentional about "Speaking Life & declaring the Word" only!

sometimes we aren't seeing results because we are inconsistent with our WORDS like James was sharing with us earlier.

📣 This scripture helps us to understand the call to "Confess" or "Declare" God's Word.

Hebrews 10:23 KJV "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)"

Profession: to acknowledge

To assent or agree with a covenant (Ones profession is also what they do for a living)

📣 His Word is Living & Powerful and we can and should take His promises and proclaim them over our lives and in life's challenges.

📣 Be Diligent to regularly speak God's Word over your life and those you love.

2. Confess your faults (negative confession)

1 John 1:9 NKJV "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The things that make us sick are the things we hide inside of us, scared to share or prideful to own up.

James 5:16 NKJV "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

K.Hagin: Don't always be confession negative over yourself, even your sins, tell God about it, recover His forgiveness and move on.....otherwise you speak weakness over your life and not strength....

3. Get Convinced

2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."

Persuaded:

- to be convinced to an inward certainty
- to be assured and confident

II Corinthians 4:13 NKJV "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,"

👊 The strength & ability to speak Life flows from our belief in Jesus and being convinced that God is who He says He is.



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👂 Not just what you believe but WHO you believe, faith centres on Christ and what He accomplished in Salvation.

👂 Faith is the outflow of our continual walk with Jesus.

Conquering?

🏆 If we aren't WINNING or seeing PROGRESS go back to begin.

Genesis 17:3-5 NKJV "Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations."

📖 Let what Gods Word says about you be forefront of your thinking and speaking.

📖 Do not NAME yourself something that God hasn't said you are, don't see yourself as LESS than who God says you are In Christ

✂ King Saul and His mighty army could not move forward in victory and defeat GOLIATH, BECAUSE FEAR KEPT their mouths speaking about the SIZE OF THE GIANT that faced them every day.

✂ David couldn't HELP defeating Goliath because he wasn't looking at the size of the GIANT; He was declaring the SIZE OF HIS GOD.

📖 HE never would've defeated His GIANT if he never first OPENED his mouth.

Hebrews 1:2-3 NKJV "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"



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